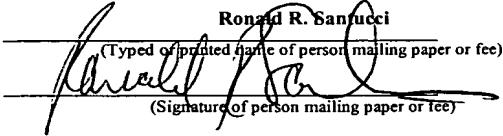
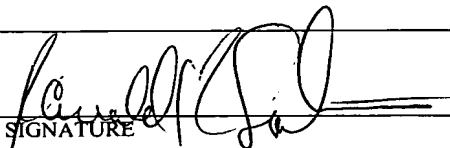


FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 1-2003)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>930092-2008</b>	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>10/520231</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/ZA2003/000068</b>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>27 May 2003 (27.05.2003)</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>05 July 2002 (05.07.2002)</b>	
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>MEDICAL TUBE RETAINING DEVICE</b>					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>André Johan TALJAARD</b>					
<p>Applicants herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2.    <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3.    <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected.</li> <li>5.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b.    <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c.    <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6.    <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.    <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b.    <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.    <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b.    <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c.    <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8.    <input type="checkbox"/> A English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10.    <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. <b>(INCLUDING FORM 1449)</b></li> <li>12.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. <span style="float: right;"><b><u>EXPRESS MAIL</u></b></span></li> <li>14.    <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Datasheet under 37 CFR 1.76. <span style="float: right;">Mailing Label Number:    <b><u>EV19587518SUS</u></b></span></li> <li>15.    <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. <span style="float: right;">Date of Deposit:        <b><u>January 4, 2005</u></b></span></li> <li>16.    <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. <span style="float: right;">I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service</span></li> <li>17.    <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. <span style="float: right;">"Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: <b>Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</b></span></li> <li>18.    <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19.    <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20.    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:               <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Ronald R. Sanfucci</b>                  (Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)</p>                   (Signature of person mailing paper or fee)               </div> </li> </ol> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">International Search Report; check for \$540</p>					

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Basic national fee .....	\$300.00		\$300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Examination fee .....	\$200.00		\$200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Search fee .....	\$500.00		\$500.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS=</b>				\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100=	/50=		x \$250.00	\$	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	20 - 20=		x \$50.00	\$	
Independent claims	2 - 3=		x \$200.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1,000.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$500.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$500.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$500	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignments (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$40	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$540.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Amount to be charged:	\$
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$540.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>50-0320</b>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  <b>Ronald R. Santucci</b> Frommer Lawrence & Haug LLP 745 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10151  January 4, 2005				 SIGNATURE Ronald R. Santucci NAME 28,988 REGISTRATION NUMBER	